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**II. Remarks**

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 18, 20, 23 and 31 have been amended to define more clearly the Applicants' invention. Claims 2, 3, 9, 15 to 17, 19, 22 and 33 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4 to 8, 10 to 14, 18, 20, 21, and 23 to 32 remain pending in the present application and are believed to distinguish patentably over the prior art.

With respect to prior art, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 8, 18, 21 and 31 to 33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,120,678 to Glenn ("Glenny"). The Examiner is alleging that the Applicants' invention as defined by these claims is clearly shown in this reference. Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glenn in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,658,608 to Kiefbeck ("Kiefbeck"). The Examiner is alleging that the Applicants' invention as defined by these claims would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the combined teachings of these references. Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glenn and Kiefbeck in view of U.S. Patent No. 996,449 to Bodenstein ("Bodenstein"). The Examiner is alleging that the Applicants' invention as defined by these claims would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the combined teachings of these references.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 and dependent claims 4 to 7, 18 and 20 should be allowed.

Independent claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 9. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 8 and dependent claims 10 to 13, 21 and 23 should be allowed.

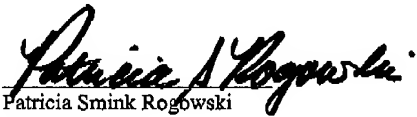
Independent claim 31 has been amended to recite allowable subject matter taken from dependent claims. Specifically, the weight member has been defined as being disc-shaped with both the disc-shaped weight member and flat panel being generally circular in plan. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this claim distinguishes patentably over the cited prior art for the same reasons as the other independent claims. As claim 32 is dependent directly on independent claim 31, which is deemed allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that this claim should also be allowed.

In view of the above, it is believed the application in order for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

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Enclosed is a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with a Fee Transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge \$490.00 to cover the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a). Should any other fee be required before the Examiner may consider this paper, including a fee for a further extension of time, such extension is requested and the Director is authorized to charge the fee amount to Deposit Account 03-2775 (Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP).

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Petition for 3-Mo. Extension

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